



THE MISSION DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER

Keeping the Community
Connected and Informed

Winter 2015



On behalf of your City Council District 3 staff, we want to wish you a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to serving you in 2016!



Celebrations continue as we commemorate the 100 years of consecutive service at Stinson Municipal Airport. More on page 2.

A Message From Councilwoman Viagran

The holiday season is upon us and the year has quickly come to an end. I want to wish you and your family many holiday blessings and a Happy New Year. Reflecting back on the past year, I'm so proud of all that we have accomplished together – from new hike and bike trails to the groundbreaking of our new senior community center and dog park. After being re-elected for a second term in June, I fought hard for our district and it resulted in an increase of funds in the city budget for sidewalks and street maintenance in our community.

This issue of THE MISSION is dedicated to the historic legacy and rich culture that is District 3. As you may know, San Antonio's five Spanish colonial missions along with El Rancho de las Cabras were collectively inscribed this summer as a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage site! Please read about the collaboration and years of preparation that resulted in this great honor.

I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in 2016 and remain committed to upholding our legacy and increasing the value of our beloved District 3.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve,

Councilwoman Rebecca J. Viagran



San Antonio Missions Inscribed as the U.S. 23rd World Heritage Site. City leaders and residents gathered at Mission San Jose to receive the official plaque. Learn more about our World Heritage Designation on page 3.

Girls in Aviation

On September 26, Women in Aviation International Chapters brought the passion, exploration, learning, and excitement of aviation and aerospace to Stinson.



Girls IN AVIATION DAY
A Women in Aviation International® Event

Power of Preservation Foundation (POP)!

On October 22, Stinson Municipal Airport hosted the Power of Preservation Foundation's annual gala to highlight historic preservation in San Antonio. More than 450 guests attended the event that paid homage to Stinson's history and raised funds for hands-on preservation projects and preservation education in San Antonio. During the aviation-themed gala, the organization honored community members Susan Snow and Virginia Van Steenberg for outstanding efforts in preserving San Antonio's heritage, as well as the St. Anthony Hotel for best preservation project.



Stinson Municipal Airport

District 3 is proud to be the home of Stinson Municipal Airport (SFF). This December, Stinson marked 100 years since its founding. As the second oldest continuously operating airport in the United States, Stinson airport is the primary resource of relief for general aviation traffic in San Antonio.

Today, it serves as the home to several tenants including the Palo Alto College aviation management school, Sky Safety Flying School, and Alamo Helicopter Tours. Both San Antonio Police Department and Texas DPS have hangars at the airport, and we welcomed a new FBO-GateOne.

Stinson was established by a pioneering aviation family as school for flying. Thanks to the Stinson siblings, the airport on San Antonio's Southside has been witness to a century of aviation, from barnstormers to jets. Among the first women to receive licenses to fly, the Stinson sisters Marjorie and Katherine taught the first generation of pilots, including Canadian military cadets. Brother Eddie went on to found the Stinson Aircraft Company.

We celebrated so many events at Stinson including the Young Eagles Rally & Education Fair in April. At this event, 80 middle and high-school STEM (Science Engineering Technology & Math) students from Brooks Academy of Science & Engineering, Harlandale ISD and SAISD received a free first flights with an Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 35 (EAA) member and learned along with their families about aviation education and career paths in the industry.

District 3 also partnered with Stinson for the Fourth of July Commemorative Air Force Independence Day Weekend, Veteran's Day – Dream Foundation Flights, and tours with D3 Seniors and D3LLI Students.



San Antonio - A World Heritage City



On July 5 in Bonn, Germany, San Antonio's five Spanish colonial Missions (Mission San Antonio de Valero, Mission San José, Mission Concepción, Mission San Juan and Mission Espada) along with El Rancho de las Cabras were inscribed as a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage site. UNESCO recognizes the most significant cultural and natural sites in the world. Only 23 sites in the United States have this designation. The Missions are the first World Heritage Site in Texas.

The San Antonio's Missions had to meet demanding selection criteria that verified their historic importance and "Outstanding Universal Value." They represent the largest concentration of Spanish colonial missions in North America, and are considered important to the story of the Americas. This means that San Antonio is truly a global city and the eyes of the world will be on District 3. Other cities and countries are now looking to San Antonio as an example of how to become a nominated city and the application process.

Councilwoman Viagran was with Mayor Taylor and a delegation in July at the UNESCO World Conferences when the Missions were inscribed. In October, District 3 collaborated with Bexar County, National Park Services, the SA River Authority and Foundation, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, VIA Metro Transit, and various departments from the



City of San Antonio for the official inscription ceremony – World Heritage Celebration Weekend.

In addition, the Councilwoman traveled to Arequipa, Peru to represent San Antonio at the XIII World Congress of the Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC). This presented an opportunity to learn management methods in relation to the specific requirements from other World Heritage cities.

This rich culture and history will prove to have an economic impact in District 3 and city-wide. According to a 2013 economic impact study funded by the Bexar County Commissioners Court, there will be economic benefits and growth with collaboration, promotion, and cultural tourism. By 2025, we can expect an increase of \$502 million in additional economic activity, 5,239 additional jobs, \$180 million in wages and salaries and up to \$10.3 million in additional local hotel tax revenue as a result of our designation.

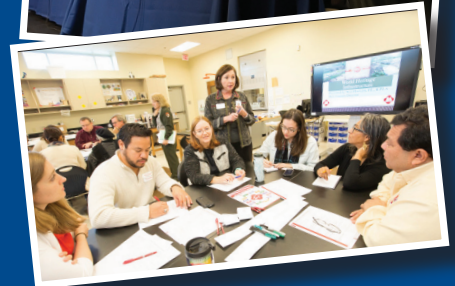


Bonn, Germany
The delegation present at the UNESCO vote this summer

WH Symposia

District 3 hosted a symposia series in October and December to discuss the City's World Heritage designation in more details.

The first symposium included a panel discussion providing insight into the Mission's Outstanding Universal Value. The second symposium included breakout sessions discussing Defining and Understanding the Missions Experience, Small Business Development and Infrastructure and Way-finding. The third symposium scheduled for Saturday, February 6th will discuss Sensitive Development and Land Use.



To receive more information about future World Heritage Symposia events or if you are interested in sharing your experiences at the Missions, please email District3@sanantonio.gov.



Neighborhood Presidents Meeting

Local leaders from across District 3 came together at the Emergency Operations Center to learn about new developments in and around the community.



National Night Out

Thank you for coming out and showing your support for our community and crime prevention through uniting together in District 3!



Mission Drive-In

Thank you to last summer's Family Film Series partner, HEB. We look forward to continue a renewed tradition in the spring.



D3 Legacy Leadership Initiative

Congratulations to our 10 students selected to participate in the 3rd Annual District 3 Legacy Leadership Initiative (D3 LLI). At our first gathering of the new students, we were able to celebrate the World Heritage designation.

The mission of D3 LLI is to introduce the future generation of young leaders in District 3 to a network of community leaders in order to cultivate education, knowledge, and exposure towards civic engagement. This year's students range from high school to university level Freshman. I am appreciative that they were able to join us during such a historical celebration for our city.

Schools represented:

Harlandale High School
Highlands High School
Fox Tech High School
McCollum High School
STEM Early College HS
Palo Alto College



Third Annual District 3 Fall 5K Fun Run/Walk

In November, we hosted the Third Annual District 3 5K Fun Run/Walk. Over 300 runners, walkers, cheerleaders, families, strollers, and pets on a leash gathered at Stinson Municipal Airport for this free event. The new route started and ended at Stinson and went through Mission San Jose.

This year, the Mayor's Fitness Council endorsed the 5K and City Employees earned 250 HealthMiles Virgin Points with participation. This annual initiative increases health and wellness in District 3.



Animal Care Services

On June 5, District 3 Councilwoman Viagran, Animal Care Services and the Animal Defense League joined forces for the biggest Microchip MANIA yet! The event was held at Southside Lions Community Center. ACS provided free pet microchips with lifetime registration and the Animal Defense League offered a variety of low cost pet shots and preventatives for both dogs and cats. This initiative encouraged responsible pet ownership for our community. It was one of many ways we in District 3 stepped up to the plate to make sure pets are identifiable and safely returned to their owners.



Brooks City-Base

The momentum continues at Brooks City-Base. Since its inception, the community has attracted more than 26 businesses. Here are just a handful of exciting new projects at Brooks City Base:

The Embassy Suites by Hilton at Brooks City-Base will be located near the intersection of South New Braunfels Avenue and Southeast Military Drive. It will feature a restaurant and more than 8,000 square feet of conference and event space, making it the only full-service hotel or event center south of downtown San Antonio and north of Corpus Christi or McAllen.

Hangar 9, the last remaining World War I airplane hangar, remains on Brooks City-Base. Officials there have laid out plans to save the 1918 aircraft hangar

that is a national landmark. The San Antonio Conservation Society has nominated Hangar 9 for the National Trust for Historic Preservation's annual list of the nation's 11 most endangered historic sites.

Dave Erwin Drive, \$9.1 million in roadway and infrastructure improvements will be made to this critical thoroughfare through the northwest part of the City-Base campus. The project will widen and upgrade the current road.

University of Incarnate Word's School of Osteopathic Medicine, scheduled to open in July 2017, is part of the investment and development improvements on Dave Erwin Drive along with an apartment development from the NRP Group and new commercial developments.

The New Linear Park is going to be a tremendous redevelopment of approximately 40 acres on the Brook's campus. This is going to create world-class amenities, along with more drainage, retention ponds and hike-and-bike trails.

For more information, visit:
www.brookscity-base.com



Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) and Parks & Recreation Dept

District 3 worked closely with Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) and Parks and Recreation Departments.

You may have noticed many improvements to parks around the District like the San Antonio River Authority Park Portal at Mission Concepción, and others.

Take time to enjoy a park in your neighborhood.

Below is partial list of 2015 projects:

- District 3 Community Center and Dog Park groundbreaking
- Greater Mission Recreational Facility
- Highland Park Rehabilitation
- Jim Mattox Park Improvements
- Pickwell Park Upgrades
- Pytel Park Expansions
- Southside Lions Park Improvements
- Stinson Park Rehabilitation
- Hangar 9 Museum Phase I Restoration
- West Vestal Place Reconstruction
- Belford Area Drainage Improvements
- Goliad Road Drainage Improvements
- Piedmont Sidewalks



Budget Overview

On September 10, City Council adopted the City's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. The budget totals \$2.5 billion and includes a City property tax rate decrease of three quarters of a cent, which will save San Antonio taxpayers \$6.1 million in 2016.

The budget includes:

- An additional \$23 million for street maintenance projects for a total of \$64 million
- \$10 million more in funding for sidewalks for a total of \$15 million
- \$12 million in new city-wide drainage improvements to reduce flooding
- Funding for operations at two senior centers in Council Districts 3 (Southside Lions) and 10
- \$800,000 for a new spay and neuter surgery clinic at Brooks City Base
- \$2 million for a new hike and bike trail and signage that will connect the Mission Reach to Stinson Municipal Airport

Additionally, on October 15, City Council adopted 28 amendments to the FY 2016 General Fund Budget, totaling \$3.7 million which included approximately \$250,000 for three additional code-enforcement officers and \$500,000 to enhance the visitor experience at the Missions as a newly designated World Heritage Site.

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Updates.

THE SENIOR CORNER

News and Information for District 3 Seniors

SENIOR CENTER - With the adoption of the budget, we broke ground for a new senior center and dog park in Council District 3 on November 10. The facility is scheduled to be opened November 2016. The new Center will become the home of an incredible asset, investment, and enhancement to Southside Lions Park, District 3 and the City, making a first-class community center for our seniors so they can be active, be healthy, and create friendships, in a safe environment they can call their own.



District 3 hosted our Seniors for a wonderful time for the
3rd Annual Senior Holiday Celebration at Pica Pica Plaza.

Here are some resources:

- * Presa Transportation Collaborative 210-532-5554
- * Southwest Community Outreach for Older People (Swoop) 210-558-0007
- * Southeast Community Outreach for Older People (Scoop) 210-359-6678